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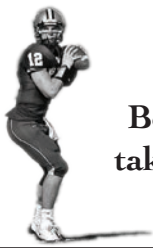
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UM students share how to be clean and green



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Margo Whitmire, an environmental studies graduate student, measures ingredients for an environmentally friendly soft scrub. The soft scrub, made with baking soda, vegetable glycerin and liquid castile soap, is one of three cleaners people learned to make at the Green Cleaning Party in the UC Wednesday evening.

Carmen George
Montana Kaimin

Creating an eco-friendly all-purpose cleaner can be as simple as mixing vinegar with water.

Simple “green” cleaning concoctions such as the all-purpose cleaner were created during Wednesday’s “Green Cleaning Party” in the University Center, sponsored by the ASUM Office of Sustainability and UM’s Department of Environmental Studies.

“Green doesn’t always mean green,” said Margo Whitmire, a UM graduate student in environmental studies who participated in the party along with around 20 others.

Whitmire said a goal of the party was to create awareness of “green washing” in stores, where companies put false “green” labels on products in order to sell more. There are cheap and simple alternatives to store-bought cleaners that you can make at home, she added.

“My creamy soft scrub smells like Christmas,” Whitmire said with a laugh, holding up a small glass jar filled with white paste.

The scrub, suggested for use on things like kitchen counters and bathroom sinks, was a mixture of baking soda, Dr. Bronner’s peppermint castile soap, vegetable glycerin and a couple drops of scented essential oil or lemon juice.

An even simpler recipe was one for a toilet bowl cleaner, only requiring a fourth of a cup of Borax. The cleaning party used recipes from Women’s Voices For The Earth, a national organization that engages women to advocate living in a healthy environment.

Erica Bloom, UM’s sustainability coordinator, said UM President George Dennison approved a Green Cleaning Work Group this semester. The group is working to create a policy by the end of the semester that would require more environmentally friendly cleaning supplies to be used across campus.

Jack Mondloch, custodial services supervisor with Facilities Services, said he’s all for a new green cleaning policy.

“We’ve been testing green products for six to seven years now; we’re into it,” Mondloch said.

A lot of chemicals are pretty harmful to people’s health, he said, and even the ones that aren’t as bad become harsh over several years of use. Chemical fumes and residues left behind from the cleaners are also health risks, he said.

Laurie Prati, a UM graduate student in environmental studies who volunteered at the event, said she’s glad to hear the University is working to become more environmentally friendly.

“The awareness is finally coming around and people realize change needs to happen and lifestyles need to change,” Prati said. “I hope people realize that you don’t have to purchase store-bought cleaners. You don’t have to use harsh chemicals to clean your house, you can use very simple products.”

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Climate expert comes bearing bad news, solutions

Kimball Bennion
Montana Kaimin

Climate change is the worst global crisis we face with the exception of nuclear war, said a guest lecturer at the University of Montana Wednesday night, and it may be too late to reverse its effects.

David Orr, a professor of environmental studies and politics at Oberlin College in Ohio, spoke in the University Center Ballroom about the global climate crisis and what must be done to ensure a healthy future for the planet. He is known for pioneering efforts to make higher education campuses more sustainable, and in 1996 oversaw the design

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Homeless vets to receive gifts from UM

Josh Potter
Montana Kaimin

This holiday season, homeless veterans living at the Valor House will receive gifts donated from UM institutions as part of the homeless veteran shelter’s Adopt-a-Veteran program.

The Valor House is a transitional housing program in Missoula that offers affordable apartments to homeless veterans, said Kathy Hall, the house’s case manager.

The house has 17 apartments and is home to many veterans who have drug and alcohol problems.

“When they come to us they have

issues with drugs and they have issues with alcohol,” Hall said. “We support them in learning to stay sober.”

Hall said the Valor House sets these people up with things like Social Security for those who are eligible, food stamps and jobs.

“These are single adults without any kind of family contact,” Hall said.

The holiday gift donation program started 14 years ago as Adopt-a-Family, and after the Valor House was completed in September 2005, the housing authority extended the program to include veterans.

“Many of these guys have not had a

personal gift in years,” Hall said.

UM’s Office for Civic Engagement is working to connect the program to UM’s campus community.

Ashley Widtfeldt, the office’s student coordinator for the program, said that she acts as the middleman by handing out a family or veteran’s wish list to campus departments.

“Outreach is done primarily to departments,” Widtfeldt said, adding that the Valor House has also found individuals in the community to donate gifts.

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EDITORIAL



Allison Maier, Editor

I'm being haunted by specters of the past.

For starters, Sarah Palin is back. Granted, she never really left; since last year's election, her name has continued to pop up in headlines for stories I usually choose not to read.

But with the recent release of her memoir, titled "Going Rogue: An American Life," and her subsequent book tour to promote it (rogues have a lot of time on their hands to do such things), it's been hard to ignore her. Many of the incidents that overwhelmed her 2008 vice-presidential campaign — like that

Michelle Obama shows women that yes, they can

infamous Katie Couric interview — are back on the discussion boards as Palin attempts to justify in writing some of her more train wreck-like moments.

In a far different throwback to the 2008 election season, the Hillary Clinton pantsuit has stirred waters once again. In last week's episode of "Project Runway," sage fashion expert Tim Gunn advised a novice designer to reassess a suit she was making.

"This just looks like borderline Hillary Clinton," he said. "I want to encourage you to rethink that."

A political blog picked up on the slight. It was, for all intents and purposes, an insult to Clinton's style, though delivered in the articulate, well-meaning nature of Gunn's criticism. The truth of the matter is that Clinton's legacy of headbands and multi-col-

ored suits will not go down as some of the best clothing to ever hit Washington D.C. That's fine. Except for the twisted reality that some people care about that kind of thing — whether consciously or not.

The way that both Clinton and Palin were treated during last year's election season was shockingly unfair, as was best illustrated in the now-classic "Saturday Night Live" skit featuring Tina Fey and Amy Poehler. Clinton was criticized for being smart and outspoken — a bitch — and Palin's notable characteristics were reduced to her looks, her shopping habits and her pregnant daughter. In both cases, the generalizations seemed inherently sexist.

Clinton and Palin each appeared to display what the other needed to help win over the American public at large. Clinton: brains and

insight into the main issues of our day. Palin: spunk and better clothes.

Ironically, the woman who was able to embody all of those traits with the least amount of strain was the one who wasn't running for office at all: Michelle Obama.

Over the course of the campaign season and Barack Obama's first year in office, Michelle Obama has become a fashion icon whose clothing choices sometimes dominate the discussion on cable news, while still proving herself to be an intelligent, strong-willed and sometimes outspoken woman. She's managed to carry out the usual duties expected of a First Lady — the occasional speaking engagement, the photo ops, the role of mother and wife — with more depth than some of her predecessors.

Unlike many of the silent, smiling spouses of presidents past, she's managed to create a public persona separate from that of her husband. In fact, before the elections, some people worried that Michelle's tendency to speak her mind would hurt her husband's chances at the presidency. And I'm guessing Michelle probably wins the majority of the arguments that arise in the Obama household.

Though her role does not thrust her onto the hot seat as it does Palin or Clinton or any other politician, she still serves as a role model for women who want to be strong, successful and respected.

It's not as though Clinton and Palin aren't as multidimensional as Michelle Obama. The difference is that they appear to stifle certain sides of themselves,

which makes everything they say and do seem more forced and insincere than they intend it to be. And that makes it easier for people to criticize.

Michelle Obama seems to float effortlessly between the different roles she's asked to occupy — dressed elegantly and speaking eloquently, always with a sense of humor, always with a glint in her eye. She'd be hard to relate to if she weren't so real.

"She makes you want to do better," mused my mom on the phone the other day.

I agree: She makes me want to do better at just being who I am. That's what I want my generation of women to be known for — being themselves, without a facade.

And if that happens to involve a bright pink pantsuit, so be it.

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Gimmickry is by far the most disrespectful and demeaning aspect of the advertising industry. Even when I was younger and much less cynical, I remember pitying my siblings who would zealously clip and collect cereal box tops to send in (plus \$4.95, of course) for whatever cheap plastic gadget General Mills was marketing that month.

The classic "buy one, get one free!" swindle is always the worst, though. The EZ Cracker, a product that is already offensive enough because it assumes that you can't possibly manage to successfully crack an egg on your own, will double your order if you call in the next ten minutes. So this is supposed to be incentive for me to call? Do you realize if I actually gave the second one away as a gift, as you suggest, that the recipient would feel very insulted that I believe them incapable of cracking their own eggs?

But these are the archaic techniques of a constrained industry. Fortunately, with today's advances in technology, we also get to experience the correlative advances in gimmickry, my favorite being the "augmented reality" campaigns because they are either hilariously awful or embarrassingly transparent.

The definition of this emerging technology is annoyingly complicated,

THE MODERN common sense OF THINGS

Why Esquire and Doritos are bad for you

By Karen! Garcia



but amounts to elements of the real-world blending (in real time) with computer-generated images, resulting in a mixed — or augmented — reality. The easiest and most basic example is the moving yellow line that denotes the first down in football (this is the first and last sports reference I will ever make).

A number of months ago, I wrote a column detailing the reunion tours of both Blink-182 and the Backstreet Boys. What I failed to mention at the time is that, thanks to the wonders of augmented reality, Blink-182 would commence this aforementioned tour not in Times Square or the Allstate Arena, but in a bag of Doritos corn chips.

Yes, all you had to do was buy a limited edition package of Late Night Doritos, hold up the funny-looking symbol on the back (the AR marker) toward your Webcam, and the aging pop-punk trio would appear to literally burst forth from the bag and begin performing on a little stage.

Now if you didn't already feel like

enough of an asshole for eating Doritos and liking Blink-182, you could sit in front of your computer, wagging the bag back and forth to activate zoom capabilities and other useless interactive features. Cheer loud enough (in your room, in front of your Webcam, by yourself, eating Doritos), and the band would even deliver an encore performance. If this isn't the way to kick off the tour of an ailing, money-grubbing 1990's band, I don't know what is.

When asked about the "project," Blink-182 bassist Mark Hoppus said, "As big technology guys, we're pumped that people can now experience a little bit of our summer tour through something as accessible as (a) bag of Doritos and a computer." I have to believe he didn't utter those words with a straight face.

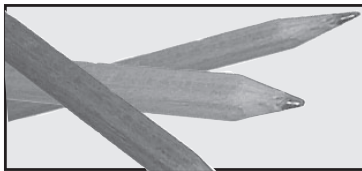
As more and more of this "Star Wars effect" technology floods the marketplace, it becomes increasingly disappointing to see respectable enterprises lowering themselves to this level just to move units. I am not

surprised that Frito-Lay and Blink-182 have succumbed to the siren song of gimmickry, but I didn't expect Esquire magazine to follow suit.

Esquire's "Augmented Reality" issue, which hit newsstands last week, works in much the same way as the Doritos bag: AR markers on certain pages unlock virtual material when held before a Webcam. What it is basically doing, though, in the words of Engadget's Joseph L. Flatley, is "delivering video content that could just as easily been delivered without waving a magazine in front of your computer."

It's not fun, or cutting edge, or innovative; it's cheap (probably not literally) and gimmicky. The worst part is that this issue of Esquire will probably fly off the shelves, thus confirming to all those smug ad execs that yes, they were right: People DO love mindlessly gesticulating in front of computers as a means of making news and information appear before them. Who knew?

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Outdoor campus tobacco ban shouldn't exist

On the subject of outlawing the use of tobacco products on campus, I'm a bit concerned with the notion of this campus getting involved where there is no warrant to do so. The signs around campus declare that "71 percent of students" would like to see us go smoke-free. Where did this statistical data come from? I think, as college students making an effort to educate ourselves and question everything, we have all seen how statistical data can be misused to further a viewpoint, however erroneous. Is anyone asking how this percentage was obtained? A friend of mine told me the data was accumulated during an anti-smoking rally. If this is true, the point is immediately invalid, as should be fairly obvious to us all. I could go to Charlie B's downtown and obtain statistics claiming that a majority of citizens would like to see smoking in bars reinstated, that is, if I didn't tell the truth about how the data was obtained.

Look, smokers have already been kicked out of all indoor smoking areas — they ceased to exist. And while I can understand that, I have trouble understanding the motivation for legislating outdoor smoking situations. The air outside, unlike indoor air, moves

around via the wind. So what exactly is the motivation? Back in the 1950s, nine out of 10 doctors recommended Camels, you could smoke in schools, you could smoke in hospitals and you could smoke on airplanes. And if you were a nonsmoker, there was a special section for you. Again, because smoking in confined spaces can make some people uncomfortable, stink up upholstery and clothing, etc., I can understand this point. I do, however, have a major problem with making laws and rules where none should exist.

Nicotine is a taxed drug, making it somehow more "socially acceptable" than drugs that cannot be taxed and are thus declared illegal. So why are we tightening the noose of control by proposing

that something that is legal is not allowed outside on campus? Are we headed for Seattle's situation, where it is illegal to walk with a lit cigarette in the city? Seattle has taped off areas outside known as "Designated Smoking Areas," and if a smoker is caught wandering the streets smoking outside of that area, he is in violation of Seattle law and is ticketed. Let's think about the necessity of this before jumping into it without considering how necessary it might actually be. Smokers aren't malicious agents sent by the devil to cause cancer in the lungs of non-smokers, so live and let live. We've succeeded in kicking them out of every indoor environment, so let's leave them alone.

Brandt Miller,
senior, English

Health care public option should not be dead

I am concerned about the ability of Americans to get access to quality health care that people can afford to pay for. As a young American who recently graduated from college, I am realizing quickly what my degree will and won't do and the value of the money I earn and spend. I feel strongly as a Montanan the obligation to pay the debts I incur. I am currently working on paying off my student loans. With the low salaries available to me because of my desire to live in Montana, I am simply not able to afford to purchase private health insurance.

While I understand the importance of healthcare reform, I also understand the complexities and limitations to what we are able to

do. I see healthcare reform without a public option as being even harder on my, and may others in similar positions, fiscal situation. The bill presented by our senator Max Baucus basically equates to a mandate that I purchase insurance that I currently cannot afford. There are measures in state to ease the burden of this mandate, tax rebates and insurance co-ops, but the bottom line is that I could not afford to pay for the insurance. Would that be breaking the law?

In order to provide a plan that is viable for me and many others, we NEED a public option. This public option would basically equate to me being able to pay to be covered by benefits similar to Medicare or Medicaid. This system would provide some actual competition to the insurance companies which would only stand to gain record setting profits by the plan suggested by Max Baucus.

I would like to reiterate that the plan presented by Max Baucus is only one of many different options which are currently being considered in Congress. Most of the plans considered contain this public option. We, as Montanans, need to let our senators know that, as their bosses, we demand that they support a public option in their final legislation.

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle
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By Jack McInturff 11/19/09

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CLIMATE

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of the country's first green building on a college campus, the Adam Joseph Lewis Center at Oberlin.

"Climate change is a problem we hope we can contain," Orr said. But it has exceeded our capacity to reverse it, he said.

Orr came as the bearer of bad news: 55 percent of Americans think climate change is real, the only clean coal is the kind that's underground and no matter what we do now, we've already set ourselves up for consequences.

For example, sea levels will continue to rise, even if we stopped our emissions today, he said.

But Orr also offered the reasons for how we've gotten here and what needs to be done to avoid the worst.

"We respond very well to immediate and dependably loathsome enemies," Orr said. But we're not wired to respond as well to faceless, long-term threats — if the enemy does have a face, it belongs to us, Orr said.

"We've met the enemy, and it's us," he said.

Politics are also to blame for letting the climate change problem get as big as it has, he said.

According to Orr, the first warning about climate change to a U.S. president was in 1965, and since then, we have still not been able to come up with a real solution to what he called "the perfect problem." Perfect because it's our biggest, and solving it will also solve just about every other big issue facing the country.

Orr said that politics has been injected into the climate change issue, making it a left versus right argument when it should be something everyone should be concerned about. The politicization of climate change has lumped it with other hot-button issues, when it should be the most important of all, he said.



David W. Orr speaks to an audience Wednesday night in the UC Ballroom. Orr's lecture on climate change was part of the President's Lecture Series.

"This was a political failure and a failure of leadership," he said.

Orr showed data that indicated that climate change loses its importance in Americans' minds when other issues such as the economy and national security take precedence. Advertising and the media also have a share of blame, Orr said. He showed a few token advertisements from car companies touting big, tough trucks and larger-than-life promises. One advertisement from Hummer read: "When the asteroid hits and the ground crumbles, you'll be ready."

News media have also dropped

the ball, Orr said. Orr pointed to a lack of diversity in media ownership and the fact that most talk radio is dominated by the right and largely dismisses climate change as a hoax. The media are either biased or not able to report adequately on the complicated climate change issue, he said.

The situation isn't hopeless, Orr said, and in order to make a difference, the majority of that load falls on the shoulders of politicians.

Orr harkened back to World War II, when British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and President Franklin Roosevelt chose to present their people with the ugly

truth and pledge to offer solutions.

Orr imagines Barack Obama delivering something similar to Roosevelt's day of infamy speech, or Churchill, who in the midst of England's devastation during World War II, said: "I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears and sweat."

If the leaders of today elevate the climate crisis above all others, Orr said, the myriad of crises facing the world will eventually follow suit.

"Get climate change right, and we'll get a lot of things right," Orr said.

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“The key is royal icing,” said author Janice Mineer as she sat in the Southgate Mall Thursday Nov. 12, waiting for a signing event for her children’s book, “Gingerbread from the Heart.” She was describing how to get an eight-foot gingerbread house to stand.

Soon, the mall will be filled with all sorts of gingerbread houses constituting a village for a Ronald McDonald House fundraising contest. Mineer is from Lolo, Mont. and came up with the idea, which is now in its eighth year and will begin on Nov. 20.

The gingerbread village, which consists of houses and larger mansions, will be displayed in the mall from Nov. 20 through Dec. 28. A silent auction will also take place on Nov. 20 and 21.

Mineer expects between 25 and 30 gingerbread houses in the contest this year. Participants pay \$15 for one square foot in the gingerbread village. For larger spaces, fees increase to \$30 and \$50. Proceeds go to the Ronald McDonald House and winners receive cash prizes that will be announced on Dec. 2.

This year Mineer made two of the five gingerbread mansions.

She said they are sponsored by corporate entities and are made by “gingerbread experts,” including crafts people and bakers. Businesses interested in sponsoring a gingerbread mansion next year can contact the Ronald McDonald House of Missoula.

Recently, Mineer visited a kindergarten class in order to promote her book and speak about its message of kindness. While she was there, she showed them pictures of gingerbread houses.

“They just love them,” she said. “It’s just because of that tradition and they know the story of Hansel and Gretel.”

But Mineer has a story of her own, one that led to her involvement with the Ronald McDonald House.

Mineer’s husband had complications from a genetic liver disorder, so the couple, along with their young daughter, went to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. They visited the clinic over a period of four years; sometimes they were there for months at a time.

Mineer remembered having to be imaginative with her

daughter when her husband was sick, especially since they didn’t have much money. That made Christmas interesting.

“(We) had to be creative,” she said. “And cheap.”

Although Christmas presents were waiting for them at home, Mineer and her husband were too far away from their family members to get much assistance from them.

“It was so far from anybody in our family ... we were pretty much isolated out there.”

from other people when we were going through his illness.”

After ten years of marriage, and ten years of dealing with his sickness, Mineer’s husband died.

“He passed away when my daughter was six years old,” she said.

Mineer was 35 at the time.

After her daughter and her second husband’s kids grew up and went to college, Mineer decided she wanted to give to others, just as she had been given to during her first husband’s illness. So she

She knew that fundraising for the Ronald McDonald House would help families in need.

“I was looking for a way to give back,” she said. “I thought that was a good place to just pitch in.”

Mineer said that she likes how gingerbread houses can bring families together, no matter how busy they are.

“We can sit across the table from each other and just play.”

She also said she enjoys the memories created with gingerbread houses.

“People click in and remember gingerbread because usually it’s that warm connection with people and it’s something that’s magical,” she said. “It recreates sweet memories.”

Mineer sees gingerbread as a way to refocus on the positive side of things.

“There’s a lot in the world that is challenging,” she said, mentioning the economy. “It’s important for people to realize they can still be happy.”

Mineer said that she may not be able to control what’s happening in Washington, D.C., but she can control what happens in her kitchen.

“It makes you feel like you have some control over your own life.”

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“There’s a lot in the world that is challenging. It’s important for people to realize they can still be happy.”

Janice Mineer, Author

However, Mineer said strangers helped them in little ways.

“We were looking for a tree,” she said. “We were in one of those Christmas tree lots. My husband did not look very well.”

She said they picked out a tree, and when they went to pay for it, “the guy gave it to us for practically nothing. He just somehow knew it was not a good time for us. I just received so much

because of her family’s hardships, she identifies with people in similar situations.

“Our family was displaced and had to find places to live,” she said. “It’s pretty hard to find a place to stay when you need one.”

Mineer said she knew that when people had children in medical situations, they had to stay in their campers or sleep in their vehicles in the parking lot.



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Homosexuality not a factor in determining abusive priests

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — A preliminary report commissioned by the nation's Roman Catholic bishops on the roots of the clergy sex abuse scandal found no evidence that gay priests are more likely than heterosexual clergy to molest children, the lead authors of the study said Tuesday.

The full report by researchers at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice won't be completed until the end of next year. But the authors said that their evidence to date found no data indicating that homosexuality was a predictor of abuse.

"What we are suggesting is that the idea of sexual identity be separated from the problem of sexual abuse," said Margaret Smith of John Jay College, in a speech to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. "At this point, we do not find a connection between homosexual identity and the increased likelihood of subsequent abuse from the data that we have right now."

The question has been raised repeatedly within and outside the church because the overwhelming majority of known victims were boys. As part of the church's response to the crisis, the Vatican ordered a review of all U.S. semi-

naries that, among other issues, looked for any "evidence of homosexuality" in the schools.

Yet, many experts on sex offenders reject any link between sexual orientation and committing abuse. Karen Terry, a John Jay researcher, said it was important to distinguish between sexual identity and behavior, and to look at who the offender had access to when seeking victims.

The bishops had commissioned the \$2 million study as part of widespread reforms they enacted at the height of the abuse crisis. The scandal erupted in 2002 with the case of one predator priest in the Archdiocese of Boston, then spread to every U.S. diocese and beyond.

Nearly 14,000 molestation claims have been filed against Catholic clergy since 1950, according to tallies the bishops have released in recent years. Abuse-related costs have reached at least \$2.3 billion in the same period.

At the meeting Tuesday, Bishop Edward Braxton, of the Diocese of Belleville, Ill., asked the researchers whether their study indicated that homosexuality should be considered when evaluating a candidate for the priesthood. In 2005, the Vatican issued a policy statement that men with "deep-seated"

attraction to other men should be barred from the priesthood.

Smith said: "If that exclusion were based on the fact that that person would be more probable than any other candidate to abuse, we do not find that at this time."

The latest findings affirmed previous reports that the rate of clergy abuse has declined steeply since the mid 1980s. Researchers found that the abuse rate peaked in the 1960s and 1970s. Most of the claims being made now involve allegations from decades ago.

In separate business Tuesday, the bishops:

— Adopted a pastoral letter affirming the church's definition of marriage being between one man and one woman, and that sex is meant for procreation. They also issued an educational document on the church's opposition to reproductive technologies such as in vitro fertilization.

— Updated their "Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services." The new language states that medically assisted nutrition and hydration, while not mandatory in every case, should be provided to all patients who would benefit, including those in a persistent vegetative state. However, the aid should not be provided if it becomes "excessively burdensome" for a patient who is very close to death, the revision states.

— Gave final approval to an English translation of the Roman Missal that has been in development for years. After the Vatican gives its final authorization, the new translation will be adopted by parishes nationwide, possibly next year.

Newspaper union tested for ties to organized crime

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Investigators in the city raided offices for some of the nation's largest newspapers Tuesday as part of a corruption probe into a powerful union that has long faced accusations of ties to organized crime, a law enforcement official said.

Police officers working with the Manhattan district attorney's office searched for paperwork related to the Newspaper and Mail Deliverers Union in circulation, production and delivery offices of The New York Times, the New York Post, the Daily News and El Diario, said the official, who spoke to The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity because the investigation is ongoing.

District Attorney Robert Morgenthau said search warrants also were executed at a labor union, but he would not specify which.

"The investigation solely concerns business activity and practice and is completely unrelated to the content of any publication," he said.

The Times, Daily News and El Diario-La Prensa confirmed their offices were searched but said their companies were not subjects of the investigation. The Post declined to comment.

El Diario-La Prensa Publisher Rosana Rosado said the search warrant sought information into allegations of corruption at the union, which packages and delivers newspapers across the region. The Times said the office of an employee at its plant in the

College Point area of Queens had been searched.

The 1,600-member union wields considerable power over news companies that rely on their drivers to deliver hundreds of thousands of papers each day, and allegations of connections to organized crime are not new. Calls to the union's headquarters were not answered Tuesday. The news deliverers' parent union, the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, referred inquiries to the local union.

Morgenthau once charged the newspaper union was under mob control for decades and sought to have a court-appointed trustee take it over in 1992, after an investigation that also involved a search of the Post and Daily News offices.

"The mob has been in control so long that it will take a special master with special powers to clean up the union," Morgenthau said then.

The union rackets ultimately raised operating costs for newspapers, prosecutors said.

The probe led to criminal charges against union members including then-President Douglas LaChance, whom authorities accused of being an associate of the Luchese crime family. He had been convicted of federal labor racketeering charges in 1980 and served about five years of a 12-year sentence.

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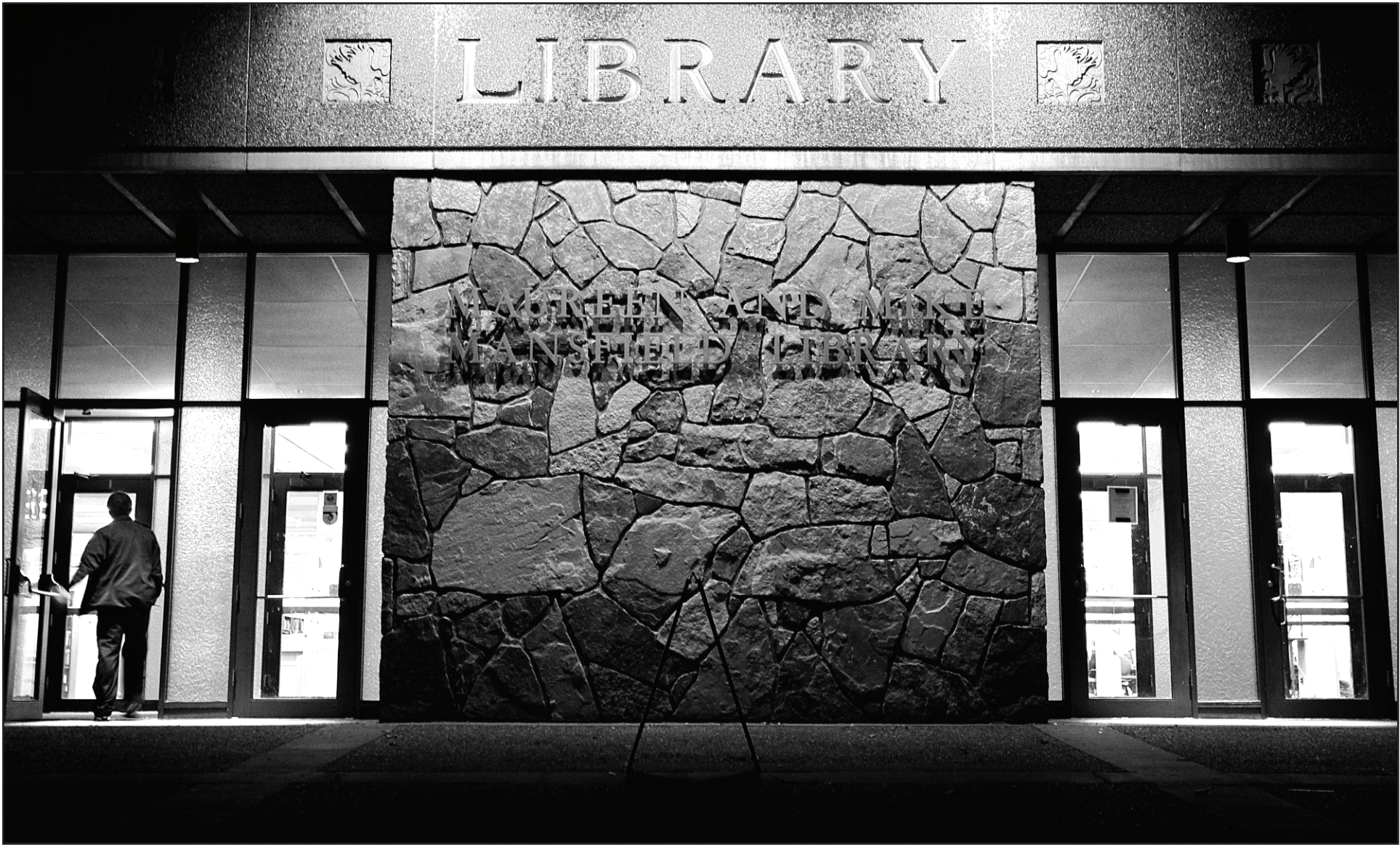
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Squash-Off participants Katharine Roggeveen (left) and Hannah VanArsdell (center) fold dough around squash and cheese to create ravioli as Shelby Gores (right) cooks venison backstrap to go on the side. Roggeveen, VanArsdell, Gores and Alex Kuennen (not pictured) made up the Butternut Babes, one of the three teams that participated in the Squash-Off that was held in the UC. The Kabocha Kings won the Squash-Off for the second year in a row, after cooking up a variety of squash tapas for the judges.

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Logging projects may pose threat to bears

Associated Press

BILLINGS — An environmental group is seeking to stop three logging projects on several thousand acres in northwest Montana, arguing that the timber sales would harm the area's fledgling grizzly bear population.

The Alliance for the Wild Rockies filed a federal lawsuit Monday to block the projects in

the Kootenai National Forest, which are designed in part to reduce fire danger and provide commercial logging opportunities.

The suit alleges that 14 miles of proposed new logging roads could ultimately wipe out the 30 to 40 grizzlies in the forest's Cabinet-Yaak area.

The lawsuit was assigned to

U.S. District Judge Donald Molloy in Missoula. It is expected to be heard sometime next year.

Kootenai Forest spokesman Willie Sykes said he could not comment on the matter. But documents submitted by the agency show that while some new roads would be built, others would be removed to improve grizzly habitat.

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With playoffs in sight, Cats look to spoil Griz's perfect season



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Montana State sophomore linebacker Clay Bignell looks to make a play against South Dakota in a game earlier this season. Bignell leads the Bobcats in tackles with 71, including seven for a loss.

Troy Warzocha
Montana Kaimin

For Bobcat players and fans, it's the type of thing nightmares are made of — the copper and gold jerseys, a 10 minute fourth quarter drive, 28 unanswered points and a 35-3 loss at the hands of a bitter in-state rival.

While last year's dismal performance may never be forgotten by many of the Bobcat faithful, this week is a shot at redemption for No. 23 Montana State (5-2, 7-3 overall) as they host hated rival and top-ranked Montana (7-0, 10-0) in the 109th Brawl of the Wild in Bozeman on Saturday.

Although the Griz come into the game with the Big Sky title and an automatic berth for the football championship subdivision tournament in hand, Montana State coach Rob Ash expects nothing less than the Grizzlies' best effort.

"They're not number one in the conference without reason," Ash said. "They've got the best combination of a great back and a great line to work with than anyone we've played."

On top of UM's very talented team, the Bobcats are also aware of Montana's use of special plays and trickery that are specifically dialed up for the rivalry game, said Bobcat senior defensive end Dane Fletcher.

"They always have new tricks coming into this game," Fletcher said. "Now, we got a grasp on what they do and what they bring to the game."

Fletcher, the reigning Big Sky Defensive Player of the Week, led

the ferocious Bobcat defense as they took down Sacramento State last week in order to keep their playoff hopes alive. Fletcher tied a career high with 11 tackles and 2.5 sacks in the win.

Despite missing some playing time because of a bout of mononucleosis, Fletcher has still managed to put up some monster numbers in 2009. He has 56 tackles this year, and 16.5 of them are for a loss. Fletcher has also recorded a team-high six sacks in 2009.

Fletcher is a 2009 Buck Buchanan Award nominee in 2009. The award honors the top defensive player in the FBS.

"He's a Bozeman kid. He's a Bobcat from a Bobcat family," Ash said. "He went to all those games when he was a youngster here in town and this game is huge for Dane Fletcher."

The Bobcats' talent on the defensive side of the ball doesn't stop with Fletcher. They lead the conference in total defense, allowing only 14 touchdowns and an average of 291.6 yard per game in 2009. In fact, their average is 42 yards fewer than second-place Northern Arizona (333.9 yards per game).

Even more impressive is the Bobcats' stingy run defense. Montana State opponents are only averaging 60.6 yards per game on the ground and the Bobcats have given up only two rushing touchdowns throughout the entire conference season.

However, UM junior running back Chase Reynolds scored that many touchdowns in a span of two

minutes against Northern Colorado last Saturday.

"(Reynolds is) a one-of-a-kind outstanding runner," Ash said. "He's got a nice mix of power and vision and that burst, you know, where he can take a play and hit a home run against you."

Something will have to give on Saturday as Montana brings the conference's best rushing offense into snowy Bozeman. Reynolds is the top rusher in the conference, averaging 113.9 yards per game and 12 touchdowns for the year. Between Reynolds, senior running back Thomas Brooks-Fletcher and mobile junior quarterback Justin Roper, the Griz average just short of 200 yards on the ground per contest.

"You just approach them in the aspect that they have a good offense," Fletcher said. "You just try to stay within your limits."

"We just play our game. We play defense just like we have," Fletcher said regarding Montana State's defensive strategy for Saturday. "We're the ones that hurt ourselves when things go wrong."

According to Fletcher, it is integral for the Bobcat defense to minimize "crucial mistakes" and not "mess things up" in trying to stop the powerful Griz offense.

Crucial mistakes seem to be out of character for this year's Montana State team as they are the least penalized team in the conference. The Bobcats average only 42.9 penalty yards per game. On the other hand, the Griz are last in the conference, with 73.9 penalty yards per game.

It's a strong possibility that the Bobcats' postseason aspirations will either solidify or fade away with the result of this weekend's game. With a win, the Bobcats have a good chance of securing an at-large berth into the postseason. However, a loss to the Griz would give the Bobcats three conference losses, and their odds of playing another game would be slim.

"This season we need (a victory) to get to our long-term goal, and that's the playoffs and ultimately the National Championship," Fletcher said. "It's just pride and that's what it comes down to in every aspect."

While statistics are nice, they don't measure the magnitude of a victory in this rivalry game, especially for Fletcher, a Bozeman native.

"I have always grown up a Bobcat. There's a lot of pride on this team," Fletcher said. "There's a lot riding on this game. You always respect your opponent, but you never fear them."

While nightmares come and go, making the playoffs at the expense of the Griz would be nothing short of a dream for Fletcher and company.

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Montana State quarterback Cody Kempt drops back for a pass against South Dakota in the Bobcats 31-24 win in October. Kempt has thrown for 949 yards and eight touchdowns this year.

Montana faces first road test at Denver



Greg Lindstrom/Montana Kaimin

Montana's Anthony Johnson (23) scrambles for a loose ball against North Dakota's Patrick Mitchell during last Friday's game. Johnson was named Big Sky Conference Player of the Week after leading the Grizzlies to a tournament title during the Karl Tyler Chevrolet Grizzly Basketball Tournament.

Matt McLeod
Montana Kaimin

With their two toughest away games just around the corner, the 3-0 Montana basketball team heads to the University of Denver Thursday looking to gain traction against the Pioneers before games at Pac-10 powers Oregon and Washington next week.

Senior guard Anthony Johnson said the early season test will help the team grow, regardless of the outcome, but that picking up a road win would help boost the team's confidence in the run up

to games at Oregon next Monday. The Griz will follow up with a trip to Seattle to meet the Huskies on the Sunday after Thanksgiving.

"We're still learning, but it's always better to learn while you're winning," Johnson said. "This game is all about getting the ball rolling before we head to Oregon. It's about momentum."

Like North Dakota, the Pioneers (1-1) run a Princeton-style offense, complete with continuous motion and backdoor cuts, which Johnson called a "more efficient version" of North Dakota's brand.

He said Montana coaches gave the team a heads-up on Denver's explosiveness.

"They made sure we know these guys can score," Johnson said. "Now we have to make sure we're ready for them defensively."

Denver coach Joe Scott's team returns nine players from last season, including five starters. Their biggest weapon is senior guard Nate Rohnert, a 6-foot-5-inch scorer named to the All-Sun Belt Conference Preseason First Team. Pioneer standout forward Rob Lewis, who's nursing a leg injury, is listed as questionable for the matchup.

Both have contributed to a Pioneer offense that's been hot in the early going.

Denver shot 50 percent from

the field and behind the three-point line in its first two games.

That's nothing new.

Shooting nearly 48 percent last year, the Pioneers were one of the nation's top shooting teams.

Montana coach Wayne Tinkle said his club's three-game stand at the Karl Tyler Classic last weekend exposed some defensive shortcomings the team has tried to address in practice as it prepares to take on Denver's high-powered attack.

"Defensive rebounding is going to be a big thing for us," Tinkle said. "And transition defense. We had a couple of concerns in those areas, and it'll be important for us to shore those up."

The Griz will turn to Johnson and sudden offensive force Brian

Qvale to vanquish the Pioneers, who Montana beat 63-44 in Missoula last year. Both seniors were impressive in wins over North Dakota, Boise State and Loyola Marymount. Johnson took home the Karl Tyler MVP award given to the tournament's best player, while Qvale landed on the all-tournament team.

If the pair step up Friday, the Griz should head into their two upcoming Pac-10 matchups at full speed, something Johnson said would give them a puncher's chance to knock out a heavy-weight.

"We learned this weekend that this team has a lot of character. Now, we want to build our confidence this week," Johnson said. "That's going to be the biggest thing for us going to Oregon as the underdog."

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Louie Bond (left) jams with a group of musicians Monday night at Sean Kelly's Open Mic. The event is open to all musicians 21 and older.

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VETERANS

From page 1

Widtfeldt said that the UM Advocates, Alumni Association and the Office of the Provost have received wish lists and will be donating gifts.

The lists that the departments receive about the family or veteran they've adopted are more like information sheets, with clothing sizes, ages and size of family.

The sheets have a practical application. Most of the people in the program need the essentials: razors, jeans, shaving cream and shirts. But, there is also a space for a list of hobbies and interests.

"I found a guy who donated

fishing rods," Hall said. "That's a big deal on the forms this year."

Other fishing equipment like rods, fishing line and lures are also popular on the lists.

"Usually there's a need and there's a want," said Lanelle Curry, the assistant to the Provost. "There is something that, to them, seems out of reach."

Curry said that the sheet the Office of the Provost received was from a veteran who asked for hygiene products and a CD player.

"The types of things we take for granted," she said.

Hall said that one of the veterans simply asked for a Griz hat.

"The guys really appreciate this stuff. They understand

people really just want to help them out," Hall said.

The Valor House finished collecting the wish lists on Nov. 16, and Widtfeldt will begin matching those forms with campus institutions.

She said any department or individual interested in donating should contact her office, and that if people just want to help, there will be a gift-wrapping party in the bookstore on Dec. 10.

Hall added that last year the gifts made the veterans so happy, she cried the whole time they were opening them.

"The people give them a Christmas," she said.

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Plane makes emergency landing in Kansas after losing engine

Associated Press

WICHITA, Kan. — An airline passenger suffered a slight injury while coming down an escape slide when a charter plane made an emergency landing in Kansas after losing an engine.

Allegiant Air spokeswoman Sabrina LoPiccolo says the MD-80 was carrying 125 passengers from Pittsburgh, Pa., to Laughlin, Nev., on Wednesday night and had stopped at Mid-Continent Airport in Wichita to refuel.

LoPiccolo says the plane had resumed its flight when passengers heard a loud boom at about 1,500 feet and the pilot returned to Wichita.

She says one person was slightly injured while coming down the plane's slide. She didn't know details of the injury but says it was minor. Most passengers used the plane's stairs.

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